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BOOK REVIEWS.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1659-60—1693.
EDITED BY H. R. McILWAIN, VA. STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA.
MCMXIV, pp. lxxii, 529, with full index.

In this volume, Dr. McIlwaine concludes the regular series of Journals, which begin in 1680, and prints such fragmentary orders, addresses, etc., as remain of the period 1659-60-1680. It is edited with the same care as its predecessors, and covering as it does, the period of the Restoration, Virginia's "Long Parliament," Bacon's Rebellion, and what has been termed "the critical period" of Virginia history, that is the last two decades of the 17th Century, is a very valuable addition to Virginia historical sources.

THE McCLURE FAMILY, BY JAMES ALEXANDER McCLURE; LIMITED EDITION. PRESSES OF FRANK A. OWEN, PETERSBURG, VA., pp. 232, with index, and several portraits, &c.

This is a most carefully prepared and comprehensive account of one of our old Scotch-Irish families, descended from James McClure, who came from the north of Ireland to Augusta County; but gives notices of McClures in Ireland, elsewhere in America, and shorter genealogies of the families of McClure of Botetourt Co., Alexander, of Augusta and Rockbridge, Baxter, Bumgardner, Halstead, Mitchell, Sproul, McCown, Pilson, Draper and Ingles, Gilkeson, Humphreys, Tate, and of two of the families, for there were several of each name in Augusta, of Steele and Wallace. The book is thoroughly well done.

A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, 1819-1841. BY THOMAS MAITLAND MARSHALL, Berkeley, University of California Press 1914, University of California. Publications in History, Volume II, pp. XIII, 266, with index and maps.

In this volume has been undertaken for the first time the presentation of a history of the negotiations of the boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, viewed in its entirety. The narrative of the boundary negotiations, with Spain, Mexico, and the Republic of Texas successively, lays emphasis particularly on the period after 1819, and is assisted by the inclusion in the text of many maps illustrating the various boundary proposals and also the several suggestions of a "neutral ground." There is also a large guide map, and a reduced reproduction of the significant